FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES OF NOVA SCOTIA FROM THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth edition of the booklet issued by the Department of Municipal Affairs to provide information concerning financial assistance available to the municipal units of Nova Scotia from the Provincial and from the Federal Governments.

We are grateful to various departments, boards, commissions and other authorities who provide the information contained in this booklet respecting the assistance available from each of them. We suggest that inquiries relating to various types of assistance be directed to the department concerned.

We hope to provide further revisions periodically as these become necessary. In the meantime, we hope that the present publication may be useful to you.

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DEPUTY MINISTER

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

A. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING

The Department of Agriculture and Marketing pays annually to the municipalities grants to compensate them for reduced tax revenues that result from certain general exemptions from taxation contained in the provisions of Section 3 of the Assessment Act. These exemptions are:

> (m) the livestock, implements and machinery belonging to a farmer and used in working his farm.

The amount of the annual grant in each case is the total amount levied by the municipality in 1966 on property of the kind listed above.

The Department of Agriculture and Marketing pays one-half of the salary and expenses of Municipal Weed Control Inspectors.

B. DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. Administration of Justice

In Halifax the Province makes a contribution to the Court House Commission for facilities used by the whole Province, such as the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal.

The cost of keeping female prisoners in reformatories is shared with the municipalities. The Province will contribute towards the maintenance of each female prisoner sentenced to a reformatory institution recognized and approved by the Governor in Council such amount per annum as is determined by the Governor in Council.

The Province pays the municipalities a per diem allowance of $4.00 per day for all prisoners serving sentences in excess of six months.

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission pays a per diem allowance of $4.00 to all municipalities for all persons convicted under the Liquor Control Act and serving sentences in jails in those municipalities.

C. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

Purpose

The purpose of this policy to create new job opportunities in regions of slow economic growth where special action is needed to speed up economic development.

Qualifying Activities

Industrial incentives will be granted to the following types of industries in designated areas:

1. Manufacturing and processing plants, excluding initial processing in resource-based industry, such as oil refining, pulp and newsprint. Petrochemical processess, production of paper and paperboard from pulp, sawmilling, processing of fish and farm products are included.

2. Any major new commercial facilities (hotel, convention, and--in large centres of population--business offices, shopping centres and warehousing and freight-handling facilities) are eligible for loan guarantees, but not incentive grants.

Criteria

1. The application must be made when the project is in the planning stage, before any commitments are undertaken.

2. An offer of an incentive remains open for acceptance for 90 days. The offer will specify a date by which construction or installation must begin.

3. Canadian manufacturers must be given reasonable opportunity to supply machinery and equipment.

4. The operation must employ residents of the designated region to the maximum extent practicable.

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5. The applicant must provide at least 20 percent of the capital cost.

6. Commercial production must begin by December 31, 1976 at the latest.

7. Other conditions are outlined in the Regional Development Incentives Act and Regulations.

Incentives

1. In the Atlantic Region--for new plants or new product expansions, up to 35 % of capital costs (buildings, machinery, and equipment) is available, plus up to $7,000 per job created.

2. For projects coming into production after December 31, 1973, the maximum rate incentive is 25 % of capital costs plus $5,000 per job created.

3. For expansions of modernizations of existing facilities, up to 30 % of capital costs is available.

4. The maximum loan which the Department can facilitate by a partial guarantee is 80 % of the total capital cost of a project, less any incentive of other assistance from any level of Government.

Maximum Benefits

The actual level of any incentive grant offered depends on the needs of the particular project and is subject to differenct limitations in different regions. The absolute maximum is $6 million for a modernization or ordinary expansion. For a new plant or new product expansion, there are ceilings of $30,000 per job created or one-half of the capital to be employed.

Minimum Investment

1. For Manufacturing or Processing Industries--$30,000 capital costs for modernizations or expansions, and $60,000 for new plants or expansions into new product lines.

2. For commercial facilities--$1,000,000 for facilities located in large centres of population,

and $500,000 for facilities located elsewhere.

When Grants Are Payable

Incentive grants are payable on the following basis: 80 % when commercial production begins; 20 % within 2 1/2 years for modernizations or expansions and 3 1/2 years for new plants or new product expansions.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Department of Regional Economic Expansion
Industrial Intelligence & Promotion Branch
Ottawa, Canada

Special Areas Program

In March of 1970, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion announced the Special Areas Program as a tool to encourage economic development and social adjustment.

The Department's activities in special areas vary from one area to the other according to need. The essential departmental activities in these areas are infrastructure assistance, incentives for manufacturing or commercial projects and social adjustment measures. There are two locations in the Province of Nova Scotia designated under the Special Areas Program.

In Halifax-Dartmouth where faster growth can have major repercussions through eastern Canada generally, the special areas plan provides for grants and loans to the province for roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, serviced industrial and residential land, schools, tourist facilities, industrial parks and other facilities designed to strengthen the economic and social effects of regional development incentives to industry.

In the Strait of Canso area, where growth potential stems largely from its location in relation to natural resources, the special areas plan provides for grants and loans to the province for both key infrastructure development and financial assistance to commercial undertakings.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Department of Regional Economic Expansion
Industrial Intelligence & Promotion Branch
Ottawa, Canada

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The Agricultural and Rural Development Program - ARDA

The ARDA program was begun in 1961 to help meet serious problems of unemployment, under employment and social disadvantage which exist in rural areas in Canada.

Since that time, ARDA has operated across the country under a series of federal-provincial agreements which provide for 50-50 sharing of costs involved. Programs are undertaken involving the following primary resource sectors:

Agriculture
Fishing
Forestry
Mining
Rural Adjustment
Tourism-Recreation
Wildlife

Arrangements with Nova Scotia provide for program approvals under the current ARDA III agreement until 1975. Activity in these programs may continue until 1977.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The ARDA Program Co-ordinator
Department of Development
Bank of Montreal Building
Truro, Nova Scotia

Telephone: 895-4483

The above programs are not designed for the general use of municipalities. They are included for their general information.

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D. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Assistance to School Boards

(a) Foundation Program Grants

Provincial assistance to urban, municipal and amalgamated school boards for the operation of schools is paid in respect to the Foundation Program which includes the costs of supervisory and teachers' salaries, maintenance and operation of schools, transportation of pupils, summer classes for pupils, public school correspondence courses, tuition and boarding of pupils. The amounts paid in respect of these services is a percentage of the total cost of these services up to certain maximum amounts in each case. The percentage is determined by calculating the cost of these services in the previous school year at the shareable rates and by relating this amount to the amount which would be raised by the municipal unit if a rate of $1.35 per $100.00 of equalized assessment was levied by the municipal unit. The difference between the resultant percentage and 100 % is the Provincial Proportion. In those instances where the Provincial proportion is less than 27.5 %, the actual proportion is disregarded and the Provincial contribution toward the cost of Foundation Program Services is 27.5 %.

When the Provincial proportion is calculated for amalgamated school boards, the cost of administration up to six dollars per pupil enrolled in the schools in the area and the shareable debt service charges on all debts for school purposes paid by the board are included, in addition to those listed in the preceding paragraph, in the educational services whose costs are calculated. For these boards, the current year's shareable costs are used to determine the Provincial proportion.

In addition to the payment of Foundation Program Grants, the Province contributes the Provincial proportion with no minimum, of the net cost of cafeteria or school lunch programs operated by school boards and approved by the Minister.

The amounts of financial assistance payable to school boards in respect of the foregoing are determined in the manner prescribed by the Education Assistance Act.

Schools boards may provide services in addition to those prescribed in the Foundation Program and the cost of these services, plus the cost of Foundation Program Services at rates in excess of the shareable rates, is borne entirely by the municipal unit, except for the spe-

cial grants described below.

(b) Unemployment Insurance Grant

The Province will pay to school boards the Provincial proportion, subject to a minimum of 27.5 % of the amounts of Unemployment Insurance premiums paid by school boards as employers of teachers.

(c) Continuing (Adult) Education Grants

The Province may pay to school boards grants in support of Adult Education Programs of an academic, vocational or cultural nature. These are instructional grants and administrative grants. Instructional grants, where students do not pay fees in excess of $10.00 are at the same rate as the Provincial proportion of the Foundation Program or 50 %, whichever is higher. Where students pay fees in excess of $10.00, the grants amount to 50 % of the instructional cost, or the Provincial proportion, whichever is lower. Administrative grants are made available to school boards engaging either full-time or part-time Administrators of Adult Education Programs at the same rate as the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program, or 50 %, whichever rate is higher. In the case of a part-time Administrator, the grant is at the rate of one dollar per class hour or $3,000.00, whichever is less. In the case of a full-time Administrator, the salary is commensurate with license and experience plus $1,500.00.

(d) Vocational Evening Class Grants

Some of the courses formerly offered as Vocational Evening Classes are now included under the Continuing (Adult) Education Grants.

Courses may be offered in vocational schools depending upon the equipment in the respective schools and the demand for the courses.

(e) Canada Pension Plan

The Province will reimburse school boards for the amount which they are required to contribute to the Canada Pension Fund as employers of teachers who participate in the Nova Scotia Teachers' Pension Plan.

2. Assistance to Municipalities

(a) Capital Grants

The Province pays the Provincial proportion, but without a minimum of 27.5 % of the Debt Service Charges--retirement of principal and payment of interest--on all debt for school purposes incurred prior to January 1, 1956. The Province pays the Provincial proportion, with

a minimum of 27.5 % (effective August 1, 1973) of the shareable portion of Capital Debt Service Charges on debt incurred after January 1, 1956, the portion being determined by relating the shareable costs of school construction to the amounts borrowed. The Province also pays the Provincial proportion, with a minimum of approved capital expenditures from sums other than borrowed sums up to the amount of the capital expenditure within approved limits.

(b) Regional Library Grants

The Province may pay to each city, town or municipality which has entered into an agreement for the establishment and operation of a regional public library, a grant in an amount equal to:

(1) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 50 %, whichever is higher, of the portion of the operating costs not exceeding $1.00 per capita of its population; and

(2) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 27.5 %, whichever is higher, of the portion of the operating costs in excess of $1.00 per capita;

(3) the Provincial proportion (as determined under the Education Act) or 27.5 %, whichever is higher, of the cost of providing and maintaining branch library facilities, up to fifty cents per capita.

(c) Regional Vocational Schools

The Province pays 100 % of the costs of building, equipping, and operating regional vocational schools throughout the Province. The land required for each school is deeded to the Province, without cost, by the municipal unit in which the school is located. The Government of Canada assists in the costs of building and equipping the schools, but the agreement under which this assistance is provided will expire when the present appropriation, all of which has been allocated to projects that are under construction or being planned, has been used.

E. DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Section 15 of the Water Act provides as follows:

"(1) Subject to the regulations, the Minister may assist municipalities in the construction of sewage collection and treatment works by making grants or loans of money or guaranteeing loans made to municipalities."

The relevant regulations are:

"4 (1) When the Minister is satisfied that a municipality has caused a pollution control study or survey to be made by an engineer or engineers whose engagement for the purpose was approved by the Department of the Environment, the Minister may advance to the municipality an amount equal to the cost to the municipality of having the survey or study conducted."

" (2) When the Minister is satisfied that a trunk collector sewer or a sewage treatment plant has been satisfactorily completed by a municipality, the Minister may pay to the municipality a sum not exceeding twenty per cent of the approved capital cost of the sewer or plant, including the cost of a study or survey referred to in subsection (1), less any amount advanced under subsection (1)."

"5 Before furnishing any assistance to Section 15 of the Act, the Minister may require evidence satisfactory to him that a sewage treatment plant will be satisfactorily maintained and operated by the Municipality."

F. DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

The Department of Fisheries pays annually to the municipalities grants to compensate them for reduced tax revenues that result from certain general exemptions from taxation contained in the provisions of Section 3 of the Assessment Act. These exemptions are:

(o) the nets, outfit and equipment belonging to a fisherman and used by him in fishing; and

(t) all boats, ships and shares therein.

The amount of the annual grant in each case is the total amount levied by the municipality in 1966 on property of the kind listed above.

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G. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Agreements may be made with towns and cities to pay a percentage of the cost of construction, reconstruction or maintenance of highways which form a connecting link in a main trunk highway of the Province or in a main highway leading into or through the town or city. The percentage is equal to the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program of Education in the city or town as determined from time to time under the Education Act and not less than 50 % of the cost of the highway work.

The Minister may share more than 50 % of the cost of a bridge on above highway if the bridge exceeds ten feet in shortest length between the front faces of its end supports.

The Minister, for the purpose of providing a more direct or more expeditious route for traffic through a city or town, may construct and maintain a highway or a portion of a highway within the boundaries of a city or town.

The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may share the cost of sidewalks on a public highway right-of-way in any rural municipality. The sharing is similar to the method for towns and cities in the first paragraph.

In suburban subdivision roads, in rural municipalities the sharing of costs is equal to the Provincial proportion of the cost of the Foundation Program of Education in the municipality as determined from time to time under the Education Act but not less than 50 %.

A contribution will be made to cities and towns by the Department towards the cost of snow removal and ice control on the total mileage of highway under Agreement in each city or town. The contribution is an amount which has been determined by using the estimated cost of snow removal in the area and a percentage based on the average Provincial proportions of the Foundation Program of Education.

H. DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

THE LANDS AND FORESTS ACT - PART I CROWN LANDS

Licenses To Cut On Ungranted Land

44 (1) The Minister may grant licenses to cut timber on the ungranted land of the Crown on payment of such dues as may be in his discretion.

Terms And Conditions Of Licenses

(2) Every license or renewal thereof shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may deem expedient and which are embodied therein. R.S., c.145, s.42.

Payment To Municipality

45 Where a license to cut timber is granted under Section 44, the Minister may pay to the Municipality in which the land described in the license is situated fifteen per cent of the dues payable to the Crown under license. R.S., c.145, s.43; 1965, c.33, s.9.

PARKS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Grants To Municipalities

3 (1) Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, the Minister may grant financial assistance to any municipality to assist in the development of an approved campsite.

Idem

(2) The financial assistance in respect of an approved campsite shall not exceed one-half of the total cost of development and in no case shall exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Prerequisites To Grant

(3) No financial assistance shall be granted under this Act unless in the opinion of the Minister there is a need for the approved campsite having regard to its location in relation to other parks in Nova Scotia and the camping picnicking and other facilities provided for the accommodation and enjoyment of the public.

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Grants For Improvement Of Scenic Areas

9 (1) Where,

(a) a local community organization wishes to initiate and carry out a project of local improvement by constructing and developing trails, scenic waterfalls, streams or other local scenic or picnic areas; and

(b) that organization and the municipality in which the local scenic area is located agree to each provide twenty-five per cent of the cost of such construction and development, the Minister may, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, grant financial assistance to any such municipality or local community organization.

Maximum Grants

(2) Financial assistance granted under subsection (1) shall not exceed fifty per cent of the total cost of construction and development and in no case shall exceed twenty-five hundred dollars. 1967, c. 86, s. 4.

SCOTT MARITIMES PULP LIMITED AGREEMENT ACT, 1965

Payments By Company In Lieu Of Taxes

8 The Company shall pay to the Province after the startup of the Mill and during the period that the provisions of the Assessment Act and the Land Tax Act do not apply to it:

(a) not later than the thirty-first day of January of the year next succeeding the year in which the Mill started up:

(i) one hundred and five thousand dollars multiplied by the number of months during which the Mill produced pulp in the preceding year divided by twelve; or

(ii) sixty cents per ton of pulp produced in the said preceding year; whichever is the greater;

(b) not later than the thirty-first day of January of each succeeding year:

(i) one hundred and five thousand dollars and in addition thereto one thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the complete number of calendar years since the start of the Mill not exceeding an additional amount of ten thousand dollars in any year; or

(ii) sixty cents per ton of pulp produced in the calendar year next preceding the said thirty-first day of January; whichever is the greater.

Payments To Municipality Of The County Of Pictou

9 The Minister of Finance and Economics shall pay the sum received by the Province in each year from the Company in accordance with Section 8 of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

Payments To Municipality Of The County Of Halifax

10 The Minister of Finance and Economics shall pay to the Municipality of the County of Halifax in lieu of taxation of the Licensed Land under the Assessment Act twenty per cent of the annual stumpage paid by the Company to the Province, pursuant to the Agreement.

NOVA SCOTIA PULP LIMITED AGREEMENT ACT

Payments In Lieu Of Municipal Tax And Land Tax

8 Nova Scotia Pulp Limited shall pay to the Province after the startup of the mill and during the period that the provisions of the Assessment Act and the Land Tax Act do not apply to it;

(a) not later than the thirty-first day of January of the year next succeeding the year in which the mill started up:

(i) one hundred thousand dollars multiplied by the number of months during which the mill produced pulp in the preceding year divided by twelve; or

(ii) eighty cents per ton of pulp produced in the said preceding year; whichever is the greater;

(b) not later than the thirty-first day of January of each succeeding year:

(i) one hundred thousand dollars and in addition thereto two thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the complete number of calendar years since the start of the mill; or

(ii) eighty cents per ton of pulp produced in the calendar year next preceding the said thirty-first day of January; whichever is the greater. 1959, c.53, s.1; 1960, c.58, s.5.

Distribution Among Municipalities

9 The Provincial Treasurer shall pay the sum received by the Province in each year from Nova Scotia Pulp Limited in accordance with Section 8 of the Municipality in which the Company's mill is located and municipalities in which are located the licensed land under the management of the Company as of the date on which the payment is made by the Company. 1959, c.53, s.1.

Idem

10 The sum shall be distributed among the municipalities referred to in Section 9 not later than April first of each year in the following manner:

(a) ten per cent to the municipality in which the Company's mill is located;

(b) forty per cent to the Municipality of the County of Inverness:

(i) less two thousand dollars multiplied by the number of complete calendar years elapsed since the start up of the mill; and

(ii) less the tax payable to it in respect of Crown Lands under license or lease, except Crown Lands leased to the Mersey Paper Company;

Until the amount payable under this clause equals or is less than the amount which would be distributed to the Municipality of the County of Inverness under clause (d) if that clause applied to it;

(c) thirty per cent to the Municipality of the County of Victoria:

(i) less one thousand dollars multiplied by the number of complete calendar years elapsed since the start up of the mill; and

(ii) less the tax payable in respect of Crown Lands under license or lease, except Crown Lands leased to the Mersey Paper Company;

Until the amount payable under this clause equals or is less than the amount which would be distributed to the Municipality of the County of Victoria under clause (d) if that clause applied to it;

(d) the balance in the proportion that the acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in each municipality bears to the total acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in all the municipalities, provided that the acreage of licensed lands under the management of the Company in the Municipality of the County of Inverness or the Municipality of the County of Victoria shall not be included for the purposes of this clause until the payment to the Municipality of the County of Inverness under clause (b) or the payment to the Municipality of the County of Victoria under clause (c) equals or is less than the amount to which it would be entitled under this clause if it applied to it, and thereafter this clause shall apply to it. 1959, c.53, s.1.

I. DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

1. General Grants to Cities, Towns and Municipalities

A per capita payment at a rate of $3.73 for cities; $3.30 for towns and $1.37 for rural municipalities.

The payment shall not be less than the amount paid in 1971.

2. Municipal Services

Grants are paid to municipal units in respect of the annual current cost of fire protection, police protection, street lighting and garbage and refuse collection and disposal. Also, grants paid to municipal units in respect of the capital cost of sewer systems, water systems, street paving, curbs and gutters; prior approval by the Minister is necessary before this capital cost is eligible for assistance. The Provincial proportions vary between municipal units and are determined each year by Regulation.

(a) Fire Protection Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C.203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of (a) the actual cost of the eligible service or (b) the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying the population of the municipal unit or of the area by (1) $6.04 where the unit or the area provides fire protection through a hydrant system of the water utility and includes in its annual estimates from which it determines its tax rate an amount for fire protection at a rate or figure approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities or (2) $3.64 where the unit or the area does not provide fire protection through a hydrant system or levy an amount for fire protection.

(b) Police Protection Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by (1) dividing the population of the unit or of the area by 1,000 and if the quotient is or

includes a fraction, increase it to the next full figure and (2) multiplying the quotient or the adjusted quotient by $5,000 and (3) adding to the result the amount of $800.00 or an amount equivalent to the number of miles of streets in the city or town multiplied by $48.00, whichever is the larger.

(c) Garbage Collection and Disposal - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference-Municipal Services Act, C.203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying the population of the unit or of the area by $3.23.

(d) Street Lighting Service - The assistance is towards the annual cost of the service for the eligible items or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C.203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is the Provincial proportion of the actual cost of the eligible service or the maximum eligible cost, whichever is the less; the maximum eligible cost is determined by multiplying by $3.00 the greater of either (1) the population of the unit or of the area or (2) the figure obtained by multiplying the total miles of streets of the unit or of the area by the quotient obtained by dividing the total population of all towns in the Province by the total miles of streets in all such towns.

(e) Water Systems - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving water works or water systems for the eligible items included in the Regulations; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C.203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincial proportion of the annual debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purposes or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister, if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

(f) Sewer Systems - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing, acquiring, altering, extending or improving public sewers or drains for the eligible items included in the Regulation; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C.203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincial proportion of the annual

debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purposes or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister, if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

(g) Paving Service - The assistance is towards the cost of constructing curbs and gutters and paving with permanent paving streets of the municipal unit not, however, including streets with respect to which the municipal unit has an agreement with the Minister of Highways under the public Highways Act; Reference - Municipal Services Act, C. 203, R.S. 1967 and Regulations under the Act.

Amount of Assistance is (1) the Provincil proportion of the annual debt charges on debentures issued by a municipal unit for the above purpose or (2) the Provincial proportion of an expenditure made out of revenue with the prior approval of the Minister, if the grant payable by the Minister with respect to all such expenditures made by the municipal unit in any year does not exceed $10,000.

3. Grants In Lieu of Taxes

Grants in lieu of taxes are paid annually on certain eligible Provincially-owned real property. The eligible real property does not include rights-of-way for highways, crown lands, hospitals, educational institutions, parks or historic sites.

Reference is made in other sections of this booklet to grants in lieu paid by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, Nova Scotia Power Corporation and grants paid by the Department of Lands and Forests.

4. Regional Assessment

A grant of 20 per cent of the annual cost of the administration of assessment is paid to all Regional Assessment Committees.

5. Assistance to Ambulance Operators

During the Provincial fiscal year, April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974, the Province has provided the sum of $820,000 to be distributed to approved ambulance operators. The basis of distribution is 75 % of $20.00 per call plus $ .50 per mile for service rendered outside the limits of a city or town.

The assistance is distributed through the municipal units.

6. Rebate of Income Tax - Electric Utilities

A share of the amount debated to the Province by the Federal Government arising from Income Tax paid by electric utilities is distributed to the municipal units in which the utility operates. The basis of distri-

bution is retail revenue.

7. Special Payments

1. To reimburse municipal units for loss of revenue resulting from abolition of poll tax and payments under the Defence Establishment Tax Act.

2. As a result of the adjustment of the equalization formula used to calculate grants paid to the provinces, it is anticipated that the Government of Nova Scotia will receive approximately $20 million for 1973-74 of which approximately $10 million has been distributed to municipal units on a per capita basis. The distribution of the balance of this fund is not yet known but it is expected it will be finally determined and used to assist municipal units with their costs of education, sewer and water.

8. The Planning Act

The Department financially assists municipal planning in two ways:

1. Under Section 12(4), the Department may share in the cost of preparing a municipal development plan. The proportion of such cost borne by the Department is 50 % of an agreed budget based on a complete work program.

2. Under Section 24, the Minister may enter into an agreement with a District Planning Commission to share in the costs and expenses of the Commission. The extent of the Department's contribution is:

   (a) Fifty per cent of the usual operating costs of the Commission, including the cost of services to participating municipalities.

   (b) Up to 100 % of the costs of any additional assistance provided to the Minister in the preparation of a regional development plan.

MAPPING

In 1959, the Department began a program to assist urban and rural municipal units to prepare topographic maps. The cost-sharing program is:

Scale of Map	Cost To Municipality	Cost Borne By Municipality
1" = 400'	1/2 total cost	1/2 total cost

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1" = 200'	$1.00 per acre or 50 % of the cost, whichever is less	Remainder of cost
1" = 100' to 1" = 40'	Remainder of cost	2/3 of estimated cost of mapping same area at 1" = 200'
Updating existing maps	50 % of cost	50 % of cost

The Department may also assist municipal units with the enlargement or reduction of topographic maps for municipal purposes.

All mapping is now done in consultation with the Director of Surveys, Department of Lands and Forests. As a general rule, new mapping will be authorized only if it can be based on the new Maritime Survey Grid, which ensures complete reliability in furture for referencing, mapping, surveys and land titles. This program financially supported by the Government of Canada, is well underway.

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J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The eight health units covering the Province are supported entirely by Provincial funds. The Department of Public Works is responsible for providing offices for each health unit without cost to the local municipalities.

The Province, through the Hospital Insurance Commission, now pays 100 % of the approved operating costs for the treatment of mental patients requiring such treatment in an approved Municipal Mental Hospital.

The Department supports nine (9) Mental Health Clinics in the following areas: Bridgewater, Wolfville, Antigonish, Sydney, Digby, Amherst, Pictou, Truro and the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre in Halifax.

The Department supports these Clinics on the basis of an approved budget, less any recoveries they might have from Medical Services Insurance.

A limited amount of assistance is available to municipalities for the express purpose of assisting with the purchase and installation of fluoridation equipment.

This grant assistance represents 50 % of the equipment and installation costs up to a maximum of $5,000.00, i.e., the maximum amount obtainable is $2,500.00 payable over a five-year period at the rate of $500.00 per year.

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K. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(a) Grants based on a formula established by the Department are paid to municipalities in which provincial schools, hospitals, and historic buildings of over $10,000.00 value are located. These grants are in consideration of fire protection services provided by the municipal units for buildings in the above categories.

(b) In the City of Halifax and Dartmouth, a grant is paid in lieu of fire protection rates in consideration of the protection provided for provincial schools, hospitals, and historic buildings. These grants are in the amount which would be normally paid for fire protection by private owners of the property.

L. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Provincial Assistance to Municipal Units For Part-Time Recreational Leadership

The Department of Recreation is prepared to provide a program of financial assistance to those Municipal Units with established recreation committees to assist in defraying cost incurred in the employment of part-time leadership for recreational programs and services.

A. Cities, Towns, Counties - The Department of Recreation is prepared to provide financial assistance to a maximum of $2,000 in the area of part-time leadership for recreational programs and services.

This assistance to be provided on a matching basis (dollar for dollar) up to a maximum contribution of $2,000. The assistance received from the Department of Recreation must be applied to leadership salaries with the matching monies from the Municipal Units to be used in any facet of the recreational program.

B. Villages - The Department of Recreation is prepared to provide financial assistance to a maximum of $1,000 in the area of part-time leadership for recreational programs and services.

This assistance to be provided on a matching basis (dollar for dollar) up to a maximum contribution of $1,000. The assistance received from the Department of Recreation must be applied to leadership salaries with the matching monies from the Municipal Units to be used in any facet of the recreational program.

C. The Department is also prepared to provide a $500 recreational grant to smaller communities which are not included in item A or B.

Procedure For Obtaining Grants

In order to obtain the assistance, Municipal Units are asked to submit the following:

1. A brief description including types of programs, number of participants and the leadership required.

2. A financial statement indicating the total expenses of their recreational programs and services.

The above information should be forwarded to:

Valley Region: - Digby County, Annapolis County, Kings County, Munici-

pality of Clare, Municipality of West Hants.
Mr. William Spurr, P.O. Box 2140, Windsor, N.S.

Fundy Region: - Cumberland County, Colchester County, Municipality of East Hants.
Mr. Richard Hayden, 515 Prince Street, Truro, N.S.

Cape Breton Region: - Cape Breton Island
Mr. Russell MacNeil, Provincial Bldg., Prince St.
Sydney, N.S.

ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO:

Mr. James D. Bayer, Director of Operations, 3rd Floor, Bank of Montreal Tower, P.O. Box 864, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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M. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

(a) The Province, reimburses each municipal unit for the maintenance payments issued to municipal assistance recipients in their own homes. The reimbursement is made to municipal units with organized social service departments at a minimum rate of 75 % or the Provincial proportion of the Foundation Program of Education, if the latter is greater than 75 %. In units where there is no organized social services department, the sharing is 66 2/3 %.

(b) In order to upgrade the standards of administration, the province pays 75 % of all administration expenses or the Provincial proportion at the Foundation Program of Education rate, if the latter is greater than 75 %.

(c) The Province prescribes minimum standards for Homes For The Aged and Homes For The Disabled operated by municipal units, and reimburses municipal units for 66 2/3 % of the per diem cost of maintaining persons in such homes on a needs test basis. The municipal units receive reimbursement at a rate of 66 2/3 % for maintaining persons in licensed voluntary or privately operated institutions who are unable to pay the approved board rates provided that the municipal unit concerned places the patient in one of these establishments.

(d) Under Part 11 of the Social Assistance Act, the Province will repay to municipal units through its claims 2/3 of the amount necessary to meet principal and interest payments on loans incurred for the construction or furnishing of Homes For The Aged and Homes For The Disabled or renovations to existing institutions provided that the primary financing is obtained under the National Housing Act.

(e) The Federal Government reimburses the Provincial Government at the rate of 50 % of the above expenditures.

Child Welfare Services

The cost of child welfare services for Wards of Children's Aid Societies is determined as follows:

The total cost of Ward supervision is borne by the Province. These costs are determined each year by the Minister of Social Services on the recommendation of a committee constituted under legislation and are based on the cost of fielding one social worker per 65 wards.

Local municipal governments share 50 % in the cost of maintenance

for Wards in foster homes with the Province bearing the remaining 50 %. Maximum shareable weekly rate is $21.00. Maintenance for Wards who are children of "unmarried mothers" is assumed in full by the Province.

To assist in defraying the cost of worker's salaries and travelling expenses for the provision of protection services, each municipal unit through legislation pays annually 30 cents per capita based on the last census to a society having jurisdiction within the municipal unit concerned with a like amount being paid to the Administrator of Family and Child Welfare, if there is no Children's Aid Society having jurisdiction within the municipality. The Province pays to Children's Aid Societies in excess of 50 % of the cost of protection services. Additional funds are obtained from voluntary contributions, financial campaigns and United Appeal. The formula for determining worker cost is based on one worker per 55 protection cases.

All services to mentally retarded children under Part VII of the Child Welfare Act, which include Foster Home Care for retarded children, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre and four Children's Homes for severely retarded children are financed entirely by the Province.

The cost of maintenance of Wards in child caring institutions is $24.50 per week with the Province paying $18.50 per week and the local government $6.00.

The total cost of Special Protection Services is assumed by the Province. It includes the operation of the Family Court, the salaries and expenses of the judges and probation and after-care services. The cost of maintaining children committed to training schools is shared at the rate of $350 per year per child by the municipality of settlement with the province covering the remaining costs. A maximum of $21.00 per week board is paid by the Provincial Government for the Foster Home Plan for children in need of Special Protection. Other costs such as clothing and medical costs are covered. These Child Welfare Services with the exception of some of the Special Protection Services are cost shared by the Federal Government at a rate of 50 %.

N. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Recreation And Entertainment Incentive Grant

To encourage interest in and support for regional tourist development and promotion the Government of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Tourism, will provide an incentive for communities to develop new special events or improve existing events with special emphasis on shoulder month activities.

This incentive will take the form of a matching grant to a maximum of $10,000 per area.

To provide the greatest possible input by the public, the Minister of Tourism will accept applications from Area Tourist Associations whose recommendations should reflect area priorities as decided upon by their members.

Application for a grant must be made in writing by Area Tourist Associations so that it may be finalized within the fiscal year which ends March 31.

To emphasize the importance of shoulder months activities and promotions one-third of the grant is specifically set aside for exclusive use during the period September 1 to June 30.

Applications must state the purpose of the grant and show in general the source of community funds.

Each association must provide an annual accounting to the Minister of Tourism for the expenditure of Provincial monies provided by the grant.

Regulations Pursuant To Grants To Regional Organizations In The Province Of Nova Scotia

AIMS:

1. To encourage interest in and support for tourist development and promotion including regional tourist development and promotion, the Government of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Trade and Industry, will give financial assistance in the form of matching grants to provincial and regional tourist groups to assist in the provision of a Tourist Director who will spend at least six months, in any twelve month period, full time in the promotion of the industry within the province or region. What-

ever monies are available after the Director's salary has been paid may be used according to the regulations set out below.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2. For purposes of these regulations, besides the single provincial unit the province is divided into a number of regional organizations and administrative units, subject to revision and change by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Province of Nova Scotia.

PROVISION OF FUNDS:

3. Financial aid to be provided through only one organization, provincially and in each region, e.g. a Provincial Tourist Organization, a Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade, a Municipal Tourist Bureau. Each organization must satisfy the Minister that it is carrying out a program of tourist development and promotion on behalf of the entire area it represents. If a prescribed region has no organization assuming overall promotion, no funds shall be provided to the region. No grant will be made to any minority group.

BASIS OF PAYMENT:

4. Basis of payment to a Regional Group will be a provincial grant, up to a maximum of $6,000 equalling the amount provided by the municipalities concerned, to its Regional Tourist Association, Associated Board of Trade or Municipal Tourist Bureau. The minimum municipal contribution for purposes of the grant is $4,000.

The Provincial Grant will match dollar for dollar any amount contributed by the municipalities up to but not to exceed $6,000. Should an amount of less than $6,000 but more than $4,000 be contributed by the municipalities, the additional sum up to $6,000 will be matched on the basis of contributions by the public at large.

Any amount less than $4,000 contributed by the municipalities will reduce by that amount the additional $2,000 grant available. For example:

Municipal Contribution	-	$4,000
Provincial Grant	-	4,000
Other Contributions	-	2,000
Provincial Grant	-	2,000
Total Contributions	-	6,000
Total Provincial Grant	-	6,000

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Municipal Contribution	-	$3,000
Provincial Grant	-	3,000
Other Contributions	-	2,000
Provincial Grant	-	1,000
Total Contributions	-	5,000
Total Provincial Grant	-	4,000

5. Basis of payment to a provincial group will be a Provincial Grant not to exceed $6,000 equalling the amounts subscribed by the business community of the province.

6. To qualify for the Provincial Grant, the provincial group, the Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade or Municipal Tourist Bureau must employ a director who will serve not less than six months in any twelve month period. Payment of the Provincial Grant in each case to be made following the organization's submission setting forth the amount of the municipal grant provided, or in the case of the provincial group the amount of the business community's subscription, and approval of their programs by the Minister of Trade and Industry. Each organization must provide an annual accounting to the Minister of Trade and Industry for the expenditures of Provincial monies provided under these regulations.

7. In special circumstances, considered by the Minister to be hardship situations, the Minister may in his discretion apportion grants not to exceed $4,000 in any way he deems desirable and advisable.

8. The intent of this matching grant is to provide a Tourist Director for the region concerned. And in the case of the provincial unit to assist in the provision of an organized body directed by a salaried employee to represent the business community of the province not directly in the tourist business but with a serious stake in the success of tourism. This unit will also act as a liaison body for district tourist associations when such is found desirable by the districts.

9. Whatever monies are available after the Director's salary has been paid may be considered for approval on the following items of development and promotion.

   A. Advertising in approved media within the Province of Nova Scotia.

   B. Provincial tourist association membership.

   C. Regional signs - painted or paper sign boards.

   D. Travel and sport shows, fair exhibits and parade dis-

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plays within the province, if the exhibit is solely sponsored by the Regional Tourist Association, Associated Boards of Trade and Municipal units.

E. Any other item of development and promotion except those listed hereunder approved by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

The following items of development and promotion are not approved for purposes of the Provincial Grant:

A. Wages, retainer fees or commissions, except where allowed above in "approved" promotions.

B. Contact, field or promotional trips, individual or group.

C. Promotional tours within or outside the province.

D. Meetings or entertaining.

E. Other methods that might be designated, from time to time, by the Minister, Department of Trade and Industry.

The Department of Tourism has authority to provide Tourist Bureaus operated by municipalities, Board of Trade and Tourist Association with an annual matching grant of $3,000. The monies are to be used for Capital Expenditures only.

O. EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

The only direct financial assistance which this Branch now provides to municipal governments is the sum of $250.00 per annum which is made available for any costs which may have been incurred with regard to civil emergency planning.

The Emergency Planning Officer is, or should be, the Municipal/Town Clerk or other senior administration member, and the $250.00 grant (or honourarium) is paid to the municipality on his behalf, to cover incidental expenses and an appreciation of the extra work and time expended on civil emergency planning.

P. OTHER PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

1. Hospital Insurance Commission

(a) Construction Grants

For new hospital construction the Province will pay 40 % of the approved construction costs in the form of an outright grant. A further 40 % of the approved construction costs will be included in the Province's Capital Debt Assistance Program. For minor alterations and renovations a full 80 % may be approved as an outright grant.

(b) Capital Debt Assistance

The Hospital Insurance Commission will make payments to hospitals based on the annual amount required to meet the interest expense and principle repayment of the approved portion of the outstanding debt after deducting funds available to the hospital from other sources for this purpose. The approved portion of the outstanding debt includes borrowings related to approved construction prior to April 1, 1972 and 40 % of approved construction costs after that date.

(c) Operating Expenses

As in prior years the Hospital Insurance Commission pays the operating expenses of approved general and mental hospitals in the Province.

2. The Nova Scotia Housing Commission

The Province of Nova Scotia through the facilities of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission promotes housing development within the Province with particular emphasis on the requirements of persons in the lower or middle income ranges. Areas in which specific assistance is given and which are of interest to Municipal Governments are:

(a) Housing Studies

Studies are carried out to determine the housing requirements of various Municipalities and the appropriate means of financing.

(b) Public Housing Projects

Financial and management assistance are given to provide suitable public housing for low income and senior citizens. Project management and financing is frequently carried out by the Commission or may be undertaken in partnership with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Municipal co-operation is sought in establishing the need for this housing, identifying sites and in assisting in the subsidization of operating costs.

(c) Land Banking and Servicing Projects

Financial assistance and management expertise are available to Municipalities which are suffering from, or which are anticipating, a shortage of residential land at reasonable or acceptable prices. This assistance frequently extends to the servicing of land which has been purchased with a view to filling the need for residential building sites.

(d) Co-operative Housing Mortgages

Low-cost mortgage financing is available to municipal residents by means of the "Self-Help Housing Program." Assistance by way of subsidy to permit ownership by low-income families is available through the Commission's subsidized Home Ownership Program.

(e) Shell Housing Program

The N.S.H.C. together with C.M.H.C. are jointly sponsoring the Shell Housing Program. Municipal support and involvement is sought in this Program which is an attempt to provide a basic house to low-income families at the lowest possible cost. N.S.H.C. and C.M.H.C. make subsidies available through the Subsidized Home Ownership Program, thus bringing home ownership to low-income families. Municipal participation is sought in these subsidies thus making home ownership available to even lower income groups while assistance is sought in the identification of land for the houses.

(f) Subsidized Home Ownership Through the Self-Help Co-operative and Shell Housing Programs

Federal and Provincial subsidies are available and Municipal participation is sought and encouraged in the Commission-sponsored Subsidized Co-operative Home Ownership Program and in the Shell Housing Program which provide home ownership for eligible low income families.

(g) Other

Advice and assistance is also available in the development of limited dividend and non-profit rental projects by Municipalities and by private corporate agencies.

3. The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is authorized to compute and disburse yearly grants in lieu of property taxes on Commission-owned properties and grants in lieu of business taxes on Commission-owned and leased premises on the following authorized formulae:

(a) Grants in lieu of Property Taxes--1 1/2 % of the total cost of land and buildings for each location.

(b) Grants in lieu of Business Taxes--4 % of the total of inventory of Plant and Equipment plus the average inventory of stock at cost for twelve months for each location as at March 31st of each year.

4. The Nova Scotia Power Corporation

The Nova Scotia Power Corporation and its subsidiaries may make grants in lieu of taxes to any municipality in respect of any property exempt from tax under Section 16 of the Power Corporation Act and may enter into such agreements as may be necessary to give effect to the provision of the Act.

Generally, it may be said the Commission pays a grant equivalent to 2 1/2 % of certain Retail Electric Revenue which is shared among qualifying municipalities in proportion to the Retail Sales derived from each area. The foregoing technique is modified by several arrangements in areas previously served by electric utilities which have been purchased by the Corporation.

Q. ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES BY WAY OF LOANS

1. Municipal Hospital Loan Fund

A fund from which the Province may lend to a municipality not more than 50 % of the cost of new construction or the making of changes in a hospital.

2. Municipal Loan Fund

A fund from which municipalities may borrow at rates fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council generally at about the market rate. The fund is not intended as a substitute for borrowing on the open market, and in fact, municipalities are not encouraged to make use of it. It is used when repayment should be over a term longer than 20 years and when municipalities have difficulty selling bonds on the market.

3. The School Loan Fund

A fund from which the Province may lend to a school board to assist in purchasing buses for the transporting of pupils to and from schools.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

A. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

1. Grants In Lieu Of Taxes

Section 125 of the British North America Act clearly states that "no lands or property belonging to Canada or any Province shall be liable to taxation."

This Federal and Provincial exemption is contained in Section 3(a) of the Assessment Act, Chapter 14, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967.

By consent payments are made by the Federal Government, in lieu of real property taxes on Federal properties, under the provisions of the Municipal Grants Act. A number of kinds of properties are excluded from the benefits of this Act.

B. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ENTERPRISES

1. Air Canada

Air Canada does not pay grants in lieu of taxes. The airline is taxable as any other ratepayer and pays taxes in the usual manner based on Municipal Valuation at current tax rates.

2. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

(1) Grants in lieu of taxes will be made in respect of all Corporation-owned real property except such real property specified in item 2 hereof.

(2) Grants will not be made in respect of:

(a) property leased by the Corporation.

(b) towers erected on or equipment installed on or in Corporation-owned property.

(c) business taxes.

(d) levies or charges considered by the Corporation to be other than levies or charges relating to real property.

(e) services provided other properties in the municipality

but not provided to the Corporation's property.

(f) Corporation-owned property leased to other parties.

(g) Corporation-owned staff residences.

(3) Grants will be computed on the general and school assessments and tax rates set by the municipality, adjusted:

(a) as required by the exclusions specified in item 2 hereof, and

(b) to be, in the opinion of the Corporation, comparable to those levied on similar properties in the municipality.

(4) Taxes levied on the occupants of Corporation-owned staff residences are to be paid in full with payment to be made either by the occupant directly or by the Corporation. In the latter event, the full amount paid by the Corporation is to be recovered from the occupant.

(5) Leases of Corporation-owned property to other parties will require the leasee to be responsible for all taxes, rates and charges levied as a result of such occupation.

3. Canadian National Railways

The Canadian National Railways pays grants in lieu of taxes on land and certain improvements in the cities, towns and rural municipalities of Nova Scotia where there is property eligible.

4. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation
(Under the Provisions of the National Housing Act)

(a) Neighborhood Improvement Program - Section 27

(i) Contributions of up to 50 per cent of the cost of choosing the neighborhood to be improved; acquisition and clearing of land for residential and associated recreational and social usage; relocation of displaced persons, up to 25 per cent of the cost of improving municipal and public utilities.

(ii) Loans to municipalities to cover up to 75 per cent of the net cost of improvement after deducting grants.

(b) Residential Rehabilitation Program - Section 34

Loans to property owners in Neighborhood Improvement areas to

repair and improve existing housing to meet minimum standards of health and safety.

(c) New Communities Program - Section 45

Assistance to provinces or their designated agencies for the development of new communities either by cost sharing agreement o loan to cover land acquisition, planning, and the design and installment of services.

(d) Land Assembly Program - Sections 40 and 42

Two forms of assistance are available to provinces to municipalities with provincial approval or a publically-owned housing agency.

(i) Cost sharing agreement whereby 75 per cent of capital cost is borne by the federal partner.

(ii) Loans for up to 90 per cent of assembly and development of land for residential and associated purposes.

(e) Sewage Treatment - Section 51

Loans of up to two-thirds of the cost of construction or expansion of sewage treatment projects which include trunk collector systems, and sewage treatment plants, and partial debt cancellation of (25 %) of principal amount of loan and accrued interest based on construction progress as at March 31, 1975.

(f) Public Housing - Sections 40, 43 and 44

Two available techniques:

(i) Contributions of up to 75 per cent of capital costs and operating losses for the construction or acquisition and conversion of housing for public housing purposes. (Section 40)

(ii) Loans of up to 90 per cent of cost (as determined by the Corporation) for construction or acquisition and conversion of a public housing project. (Section 43); contributions of up to 50 per cent of annual operating losses incurred in operating a public housing project, (Section 44).

(g) Low-Budget Rental Housing - Section 15

(i) Non-profit - Loans to non-profit organizations equal to the

total lending value of the project plus a grant not exceeding 10 per cent of the capital cost.

(ii) Entrepreneur - Loan of up to 95 per cent of the cost of controlled rental accommodation for use by low-budget families or individuals.

(h) Low-budget Home-ownership Assistance - Section 34

(i) Assisted Home-ownership Program (Section 34, 15) - Long-term loans at preferred interest rates, geared to income, to assist individuals in the construction or purchase of a house.

(ii) Co-operative Housing (Section 34, 18) - Long-term loans to a co-operative association at preferred interest rates for the construction, purchase or improvement of a housing project.

In addition to the financial assistance outlined above, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is prepared to provide information services on housing and related matters to any municipality.

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